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Gold Will Not be Alaska's Main Maryelous Growth of Germany's Industry.

A suggestion that Alaska could 3,000,000 and to become independent of the outer world for the proreached by Mr. Georgeson, of Sitka, ing 45 per cent., from \$983,900,000 special agent of the Department of tion and several years of experiin various parts of that immense and little known territory. The Britain and only 9.7 per cent. by popular conception that the soil of the Yukon Valley is never thawed more than a few inches deep ap- trade has been very widely distribpears to be all wrong. A traveler in summer time might go from the the region its name up to its source without discovering a trace of snow. with forests, and such delicacies as Mr Georgeson, desiring to photograph some native cattle, was surdriven to stand for their portraits. There are many places in Alaska,

however, where the conditions are far more favorable for farming than in the Yukon Valley. Cattle are of the needs and whims of the cusraised at every considerable settlement except Nome, and fine barley, both at home and abroad. The oats and wheat of nearby growth have been exhibited by the Daw- throughout. So long as Germany's son Chamber of Commerce; but chief interests were agricultural her Mr. Georgeson mentions thirty consular service continued along places on the coast and in the in- the time-honored lines. Consuls terior of Alaska where practically were educated as lawyers and dipall the cereals of the temperate zone, lomats. But such men were at most of the vegetables, and a confault when information was wanted siderable variety of garden flowers as to markets and trade conditions. have been grown with much suc- Consulates have been strengthened cess for several years. At Kokiak by one or more commercial attaches sheep and Angora goats have been who give their entire attention to kept for many seasons, requiring this field. In some cases the innobut little food, and shelter only vation is being practised of abolishduring an occasional winter storm. ing permanent consuls altogether. It is pointed out that agriculture In their stead the government apflourishes in Finland (Russia), and that the Alaskan climate of the lo- and capable merchants whose traincalities referred to is better than ing fits them for this work, that of the Grand Duchy; the sum-

possible cultivation is larger. Since the rural population of Finmate that the favored regions of of the agricultural resources of the territory and a supply of food at reasonable prices. That our "Siberia" would ever become a home of by the most optimistic.

There are more alluring regions in this world, to be sure; but the Great West is not extinct, and the climate. Temperatures ranging about 70 degrees below zero will appal softlings, but not the kind of in their hands and did not know demands of the people. when they left their rude log cabins in the morning whether they would find their wives and bairns alive in the evening.

Territory than has hitherto been given them. At present settlers can obtain title to land only at prohibitive cost. Government land offices are few and far between; moreover, the limit set by the homestead law upon the quantity the growing season being very

can even be begun.

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY.

Trade in Last Century.

In eight years the exports of be made to support a population of Germany have increased from \$772,200,000 to \$1,131,200,000, a gain of 47 per cent. At the same visions required to feed them sounds time the imports have practically strange; yet this is the conclusion kept pace with the exports, gainto \$1,438,200,000. The result is Agriculture, after much investiga- that of the \$18,000,000,000 of commerce done by all the nations Germentation in the growing of crops many's share today is 10.8 per cent., against 18.3 per cent. by Great the United States.

This improvement in Germany's uted among the countries of the world. In the eight years from mouth of the great river which gives 1893 to 1900 the gain in her exports to her chief rival, Great Britain, has been 32 per cent. She The banks of the stream are clothed has added 52 per cent. to her exports to Switzerland, 94 per cent to wild raspberries, currants, and exports to Norway and Sweeden, cranberries grow in profusion. and 137 per cent to those to Russia. The grass grows man-high, and To British India she sent an additional 39 per cent, and to the rest of Asia 66 per cent more than eight prised at their disappearance in the years ago. Her export trade to tall hay into which they had been Australia has advanced 116 per cent, and she sends 98 per cent more goods to Africa.

A primary requisite to German mastery has been the careful study N. Ohlandt. tomer. This study is carried on consular system has been remodeled points to act as consuls experienced

mers are warmer, and the area of reports to the government on all These consuls make systematic sorts of practical topics. They land exceeds 2,300,000, the estiminute instructions as to packing Alaska could furnish homesteads and handling articles, they suggest for 200,000 families would seem special commodities for which there reasonable. The fishing and minis a demand, or for which a de ing industries when fully developed mand may be created, they keep will require the labor of many an eye on the methods and schemes thousands, and a home market for of merchants of rival nations. the product of future Alaskan They answer queries, warn against farmers would thus be provided. mistakes, suggest openings. They Indeed, the growth to full stature are spies in the enemy's country. of these industries would appear to Such at least is the theory of the be dependent on the development German consular service, and in practice it approaches very closely to this ideal. An example in point is the advice recently given by consuls stationed in the United States, for white men was not even dreamed that German business men should use the typewriter in addressing our merchants.

Trade organizations have also type of men who redeemed our been formed to do a work similar to that of the consuls, and supplepossibility of securing independence mentary to the government service. and a competence is an attraction Industrial commissions have been that may encourage pioneers to sent to South American states, to brave the rigors of a subarctic Mexico, China, Japan, to South Africa-in short, to any people among whom trade extension is persons who hewed clearings and probable. These commissions replowed their first furrows with rifles port on the conditions, needs, and

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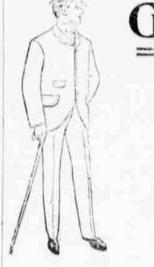
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